

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 76 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 76 would require county or district attorneys to represent veterans in claims they were not given employment preference allowed under current state law. This is an unfunded mandate and would potentially create a specific hardship in Travis County, where the majority of state employment is available. Further, this bill unnecessarily increases litigation in the state.

I fully support efforts to employ qualified military veterans, and I encourage all state agencies, boards and commissions to be mindful of the state law that requires veterans to be given hiring preference.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

*Rick Perry*

RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
7:30 PM O'CLOCK

JUN 20 2003

ATTESTED BY:

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Secretary of State